



**THE IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**STANISLAUS COUNTY
IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IHSSAC)
MEETING MINUTES
5/15/2015**

Committee Members Present: Linda White Valerie Mitchell
Joan Blackwell Rose Martin
Connie Muller Alma Avina

Committee Members Absent: Mohamed Rashid (advanced notice given)
Marie Cochran (advanced notice given)
Carmen Morad

IHSS & Link2Care Staff Present: Jeff Lambaren

OPENING REMARKS by Linda White

- Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public in attendance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- Meeting minutes from the April 17, 2015 meeting were accepted.

PUBLIC AUTHORITY UPDATE

- Handout, "Senior Awareness Day" to be held at the Modesto Library, 1500 I Street, on Thursday, May 28th, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Learn about senior services and apply for benefits; including Cal Fresh (Food Stamps). Please bring ID, rent or mortgage receipt, current utility bill, income statements from all sources, and paystubs for the past 30 days (if applicable) for Cal Fresh application. Sponsored by the Library and the Area Agency on Aging. Refreshments and a free raffle.
- The Adult Protective Services (APS) program works with individuals who are disabled or are 65 years and older. The IHSS side of the Department of Social Services has a Director, Assistant Director, various Managers and Program Staff. APS had one person that did something a quarter of the time. This presented a huge disparity of staffing support levels. The APS program was realigned; meaning funding from State sources goes directly to the County to support the APS program. Each County has a slightly different program albeit working with the same population. The groups have been trying to get someone at the State level full time so that there is consistency across the Counties. California does not participate in Federal APS reporting requirements so

there is no demographic information from California. Lori Delagrammatikas, of Riverside County, has been appointed the APS program liaison at the CA Department of Social Services. She has worked in the APS area on a variety of programs for a number of years. She has been a program manager at the Academy for Professional Excellence since 2006. She was appointed by Governor Brown on May 12th to be the head of the APS program. Hopefully this will allow some uniform consistency across-the-board in California.

BUDGET UPDATE

- May Budget Revise was released yesterday. The Governor is still recommending the restoration of the 7% cut in IHSS recipients' hours. That should occur July 1st. The State is going to send out a Notice of Action to all consumers in mid-June informing them of the 7% restoration (based on funding, but it should be approved). We had previously discussed the 7% restoration being tied to the Managed Care Tax. They have now separated the two. They will proceed with the 7% restoration. The Managed Care Tax, which is supposed to be in place by January, will probably be delayed. Estimate of 1% additional caseload growth in the IHSS program. Hours are up for the program statewide so the State is trying to determine why. One item not in the May Revise was the restoration of the SSI/SSP increase; there was no proposed action, therefore, there will be no changes to SSI/SSP payments at this time.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in Washington, DC, heard oral arguments on May 7th in the controversial home care overtime case. They are expected to issue a ruling on the case in early summer. The losing party can file an appeal to the US Supreme Court.
- Handout, "Navigating the State Budget Process." This chart explains the budget cycle. July 1st is the start of the State fiscal year. The Governor starts working on his proposed budget. Not much happens until the fall. In the fall, the legislative leaders start developing their budget. The Governor presents his proposed budget in January. In April, the Assembly and Senate work on their budget and priorities. The May Revise is made by Governor. During the month of June, the legislative leaders and Governor meet to address outstanding issues. The legislature must pass a balanced budget by June 15th or they forfeit their pay until the budget is passed.

FURTHER ACTION PLANNING FOR 2014-2015

- 12th Annual Disability Capitol Action Day is next week, Wednesday, May 20th, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Alma will be attending and will report back to the Committee at our next meeting.
- Handouts – "California In-Home Supportive Services Consumer Alliance (CICA)" brochure. The yearly annual meeting for the vote on nominations for Regional Vice President to represent the Central Region/Mountain Valley (our region) and the Southern Region occurred on Wednesday, May 13th. CICA needs a representative from our region. We can send in a nomination if anyone is interested. Also, information regarding CICA's website, accomplishments, financial reports, job application and job description.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

- Linda will work on submitting an article for the Newsletter.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Public Comment
- Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2015 meeting
- Public Authority Update
- Budget Update
- Legislative Update
- Action Planning for FY 2015-2016
- Committee Members Report
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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